NORFOLK GENERAL HOSPITAL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 1730 hours in the Board Room of the Norfolk General Hospital.

PRESENT: B. Snowden; Acting Chair; J. Loncke; P. Black; J. Clark; G. Appleton; J. Barth; J. Guilmette; P. Maletta; D. Leaker; V. Pepper; Dr. A. Weeks; T. Thomson; B. DeRonde; K. Isfan; G. Sinnesael; a reporter from the Simcoe Reformer and CD 98.9 Radio Station.

REGRETS: P. Hellyer; M. Robinson; Dr. P. Rich; Dr. J. Thorpe; J. Barnet.

1. CALL TO ORDER
The Chair called the meeting to order at 1730 hours.

2. PRAYER
B. Snowden led the meeting in prayer.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
P. Black asked the Board members if they would like to add "Other Business" to the agenda. There was discussion regarding if this should be dealt with at the committee or board level. The consensus was to take it to the Governance Committee for further discussion and decision.

The agenda was approved as circulated.

4. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 Chief of Staff Report – Nil.

4.2 Accountability Statement
J. Loncke reviewed the Accountability Statement. He noted that we presently do not have one and it is best practice in the Province to have an Accountability Statement.

It was, MOVED BY: P. Maletta
SECONDED BY: J. Guilmette
to approve the Accountability Statement as drafted.
CARRIED

4.3 Financial Statements for the Period Ending December 31, 2011
T. Thomson reviewed the Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2011.

It was, MOVED BY: P. Maletta
SECONDED BY: J. Barth
to approve the financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2011. CARRIED

5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 President & CEO Report
K. Isfan reported as per the attachment to the agenda.

It was, MOVED BY: D. Leaker
SECONDED BY: J. Guilmette
to accept the report of the President. CARRIED

5.2 Vice-President Patient Care Report
B. DeRonde reported the following:

- A new Surgeon started in December, and an O.R. Director started in January.
- As of July 1, 2012 there will not be a nurse examiner for the Ontario Breast Screening Program because the funding has been discontinued. We will still be performing mammograms.
- A two month Rapid Assessment Zone trial was completed in January. After being discussed at the Emergency Committee meeting and reviewed by the ED physicians, a report will be available at the next Board meeting.
- Wait times for the ED in November have improved for non-admitted complex and low acuity time to initial assessment time.
- New and improved signage for the ED has been ordered to make the department more user friendly.
- Medical Directives were passed at the Medical Advisory Committee to improve wait times.
- NGH will be one of the participants in the telemedicine nursing initiative for Brant Haldimand Norfolk. This will improve access to care via the OTN with 4 nurses being responsible for this service. The target group includes the frail elderly, addictions and mental health.
- There are 34 ALC patients and 20 of these patients are waiting for long term care.
- Hand hygiene rate for 2011 is at 85% overall compliance.
- The NHNH remains in respiratory outbreak. Visitor restrictions have been put in place to limit the opportunity for the introduction of any new viruses into the facility.
- The McMaster outreach team provided paediatric training to 44 nurses. This was possible due to a donation from the TD Canada Trust bank.
- A group of 11 new RNs and RPNs have finished orientation.

- We are part of the Senior Friendly Care consultants group with the community and healthcare providers. This week D. Trimble provided a presentation at the LHIN on behalf of NGH.
- Our Accreditation is scheduled for March 26-29, 2012.
- We continue to participate on the Aboriginal Advocacy Committee to address the concerns of the aboriginal population accessing healthcare in LHIN 4.
- Nineteen order sets have been completed and approved. These are very important for patient care.

Due to some requests the V.P. of Patient Care's report will now be distributed at the Board Meetings.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Approval of Board Minutes – November 30, 2011
7.2 Volunteer Association Report
7.3 Strategic Planning Committee Minutes – January 18, 2012
7.4 Finance Committee Minutes – January 25, 2012

It was,	MOVED BY:	P. Maletta
	SECONDED BY:	G. Appleton
to accept the reports.	CARRIED	

7. ADJOURNMENT TO IN-CAMERA
The meeting adjourned to In-Camera at 1821 hours.

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B. Snowden, Acting Chair K. Isfan, Secretary